

**WRITTEN DECISION OF
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Field No. II Priority

1. The following document has not yet been submitted:

- Copy of the previous application whose priority was claimed (Rule 43 bis. 1 and 66.7 (a)).
- Translation of the previous application whose priority was claimed (Rule 43 bis. 1 and 66.7 (a)).

Therefore, it was not possible to test the validity of the priority claim. The decision was nonetheless made under the assumption, that the claimed priority data is the relevant data.

2. This decision was made without consideration of the claimed priority, since the priority claim has proven to be invalid (Rule 43 bis. 1 and 64.1). For the purposes of this decision the previously stated international application date applies as the relevant date.

3. Any additional remarks:

**Field No. V Justified determination according to Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i)
regarding the novelty, the inventive activity and the commercial
applicability; documents and explanations to support this decision.**

1. Determination

Novelty: Yes: Claims 1-12
No: Claims

Inventive activity Yes: Claims 1-12
No: Claims

Commercial Applicability: Yes: Claims 1-12
No: Claims

**2. Documents and Explanations:
See attachment**

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Re Point V:

- 1 Reference is made in this decision to the following documents:
D1: DE 101 03 401 A (Daimler Chrysler Inc) August 1, 2002 (2002-08-01)
- 2 Document D1 is viewed as the most recent state of technology. It discloses (the references in parenthesis refer to that document):

An information output system for a vehicle with
The means to acquire the vehicle condition and/or the condition of the surroundings of the vehicle (Figure 1 (102)),
The means for information output with at least two sensory channels (Column 4, Lines 8-9)
An evaluation and control unit to process and evaluate the acquired data and (Figure 1 (106))
Control of the means for information output depending on the data evaluation
whereby at least one of the at least two sensory channels can be selected for information output (Column 5, Lines 44-46)

from which the object of the independent Claim 1 differs in that

the evaluation and control unit upon recognition of a collision changes the sensory channel for outputting the information, depending on the time required for the output of the information.

- 2.1 The object of Claim 1 is thus new (Article 33 (2) PCT).
The task to be solved with this invention can thus be viewed as:
to efficiently provide the information to the driver without any stress.
- 2.2 Since this combination of characteristics is neither known from the present state of technology nor suggested by it, the solution proposed for this task in Claim 1 of this application is based on inventive activity (Article 33(3) PCT):

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- 2.3 Claims 2-9 are dependent on Claim 1 and thus also satisfy the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive activity.
3. Independent Claim 10 relates to a corresponding procedure. Because of the above named reasons the object of this claim is new and inventive (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).
- 3.1 Claims 11, 12 are dependent on Claim 10 and thus also satisfy the requirements of the PCT pertaining to novelty and inventive activity.